

MR. BUSH ON
PUBLIC FINANCES

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Editor Adviser: "Any mercantile house could run the government for twenty-five per cent of what it is costing now, and do better too. We have had enough of the Legislature to do us for awhile."

This is the view of Mr. P. C. Jones, an experienced and successful business man. This seems to be a general view in this community about calling the Legislature.

I do not see any urgent necessity for calling the Legislature at the present time to study out some means whereby we can tide over our present troubles. The regular session of the Legislature is near and the expenditure, besides the uncertainty as to what the legislation will be, is a grave reason against calling the law-making body together in extra session. It seems to me that our Governor has sufficient power and experience to handle the situation. He is untrammelled and free from all local influences and has only his plain duty to the President and the American people to direct him in whatever policy he may choose to carry out at the present time, and it is the duty of all citizens to trust and support him in his efforts under the circumstances.

If I mistake not, I think the Governor has ample power to restrict the expenditure of money under certain conditions, as for instance a great saving could be made at the present time by abolishing the maintenance of a militia when we are to have a standing force of American troops stationed in this Territory, and by getting the Federal Government to assume the care and expense of maintaining the lepers and the Settlement. Pass the Band over to private parties, those who derive special pleasure and reap direct benefits from its use. For all the benefits that the poor people receive, the physicians for the country may as well be abolished. None but public works of the most urgent need should be undertaken at the present time.

I have no doubt that our Governor can call the attention of the American Government to our troubles and ask it to remit our customs and postal revenues to the territorial government, as the federal government has a plethora of money and endless sources of revenue at its command. We made a little business mistake in giving away our best source of revenue. Also call the attention of the parent government to the favor that she has given Porto Rico, with not as good an exchange as she received when she was presented with this archipelago as a gift.

Then when our law-making body is again convened in regular session, let us see if it is not the fair thing to put a tax on some of the franchises that are so freely given and make them a source of revenue to the government to enable it to meet its legitimate and necessary expenses, and give private individuals and corporations a chance to help pay the running expenses of our territory. There are numerous other sources of revenue and legitimate ways of reducing our expenses without reducing the pay of the wage earner, or of needlessly raising the taxes, while these leaks are going on in the manner allowed.

JNO. E. BUSH.

Buckeye Club Meets at Young Hotel.

The Buckeye Club celebrated its third anniversary last evening as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Smith at the Alexander Young Hotel. The meeting was held in the ball room, the alcove of which was prettily decorated with greens, an American flag being an attractive background for a picture of the late William McKinley.

Among the interesting proceedings of the evening were resolutions on the death of Mark Hanna, and a report and resolutions on the McKinley Park proposition, by which the club placed itself on record as favoring the park idea rather than a McKinley monument.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. A. Bowen; vice-president, W. H. Rice; secretary-treasurer, Prof. Dyke.

Music committee, Stanley Livingstone and Mr. Gonagle.

Entertainment committee, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Johnson, P. M. Pond.

Executive committee, W. E. Skinner, Rev. W. D. Westervelt, Raymond C. Brown.

Rev. W. D. Westervelt presented the special committee report on the McKinley Memorial, including the resolution of the club, as follows:

Report of special committee of the Buckeye Club appointed to investigate and ascertain as far as possible the desire of the majority of the club in regard to a proposed change in the form of the McKinley Memorial from a park to a monument:

This committee has made as full and careful investigation as could be accomplished under the circumstances. A letter of inquiry was prepared and sent with an enclosed postal card to the names on the mailing list of the club, about seventy in all.

Fifty-eight replies have been received. Twenty-seven votes are cast in favor of a monument of some kind. Thirty-one votes are in favor of a park. Several persons stated that their first wish was for a park, but that owing to delay and the probable difficulty of caring for a park in the future they would vote for a monument.

Since the majority vote has been cast in favor of a park, your committee would respectfully recommend that the following resolution be adopted by the Buckeye Club and sent to Judge Sanford B. Dole, the chairman of the McKinley Memorial Committee:

Whereas, the Buckeye Club of Honolulu has a large personal, as well as financial, interest in all the plans concerning the memory of the Honored William McKinley, late President of the United States, such interest arising from the fact that he was one of the most famous sons of our State of Ohio, and

Whereas a long delay has followed the accumulation of funds for the perfection of a McKinley Park as first proposed;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the

VICTIM OF
GAMBLINGVivian Richardson Is
Arrested for
Theft.

Vivian Richardson, a trusted employee of the Waterworks Department, was placed under arrest yesterday on a charge of embezzlement of public moneys. The amount is not definitely known yet, but is believed to be more than \$2,000. Officers of the government were engaged all day yesterday and last evening going over Richardson's books, and the exact amount will be known when the case is brought up before Judge Dickey this morning.

Richardson was arrested shortly before noon and taken to the police station where he remained for two or three hours until released on bail in the sum of \$1,000 with James H. Boyd and Harry Armitage as sureties. The bond is good until 9 o'clock this morning when Richardson is to be produced in court.

Gambling is the cause of Richardson's downfall. The harpies who have been engaged in fleecing young men at the joint on Fort street in which William Vida and Louis Schmidt admitted to have worked, are said to have secured much of Richardson's, or the Government's money, and there is a story of his having lost about \$200 one night at the Anchor saloon. This was the same night on which Richardson is alleged to have gone to the Capitol building, entered the Waterworks department and took from the safe the sum of \$100, which was also lost in a dice game. This money Richardson has admitted having taken, but asserts it was replaced the next day. Richardson admits having lost only \$30 at the Anchor saloon but the police and government officials are certain the amount was much larger. In this same game an ex-employee of the Public Works Department, who has been much in the public eye of late, is said to have taken part.

The shortage in Richardson's accounts was discovered yesterday morning, and the information was conveyed to Governor Carter by Statistician Buckland. Governor Carter immediately sent for High Sheriff Brown. The Governor stated immediately on hearing the news that he intended taking no chances, and no matter whom the investigation struck, the matter would be pressed to the last degree.

Richardson was taken into custody at once and an investigation of his accounts was begun by Superintendent of Public Works Holloway, Watermaster Andrew Brown and Auditor Fisher.

A partial confession has been wrung from Richardson and it is believed that the case will go hard against him. The alleged defalcations extend back over a long period and may go considerably over \$2,000. The amounts are alleged to have been abstracted in small sums. The young man has been repeatedly warned against gambling and drinking by friends. A letter was sent to a prominent government official yesterday afternoon in which the writer stated that these warnings had been constantly made, as his friends believed he was going the pace too rapidly.

Several gambling games have been running in town of late in which Richardson is believed to have waged heavily.

Vivian Richardson was appointed to the responsible position of chief clerk about the time that James Boyd was promoted to the Superintendent of Public Works and W. H. Wright as Treasurer. Like the others he is a part Hawaiian.

THIRD INFANTRY
MAY COME HERE

An officer aboard the transport Sherman is of the opinion that when orders are received for an infantry force to come to Honolulu to replace the artillery battalion, the Third Infantry will get the plum. The Third Infantry was under orders to proceed to Panama, but as the officer in command there said he wanted marines, not soldiers, the order was revoked.

Buckeye Club urge the McKinley Memorial Committee to push as speedily as possible the preparation of the McKinley Park for its benefit of the public and also provide for its future maintenance. If this is found to be non-feasible the Buckeye Club would most respectfully request the sale of the land already purchased and the erection of a suitable monument on some prominent spot near the center of the city.

The club accepted the report.

The resolutions concerning Mark Hanna were presented by Rev. W. H. Rice. Rev. W. D. Westervelt gave a sketch of the statesman's life calling attention to his Scotch-Quaker descent which gave him his staying qualities. His education was a tribute to the public school system. His career was meteoric, for as a politician he came before the nation as the manager of McKinley's campaign, succeeding the year after to Senator Foster's seat in the Senate.

Mrs. William Whitney and Mrs. Frank Atherton contributed to the social side of the evening with music, and the meeting closed with the serving of delicious refreshments.

The Buckeye Club was organized three years ago. W. E. Skinner being responsible. He was its first secretary. Joshua K. Brown being the first president. It was organized purely to bring all Obionians into social intercourse at stated intervals and has had a successful career.

TREASURER KEPOIKAI'S
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It Shows Nearly \$700,000 for General Expenses Besides What May Be Saved in Salaries, Etc.

Treasurer Kepoikai yesterday sent to Governor Carter the financial statement printed in full below. It shows that, after salaries and payrolls on the existing scale, also all interest accruing, are provided for, there will still be available from estimated current revenue the sum of \$569,342.95 to meet the general running expenses of the Government until the end of the period, June 30, 1905. Besides that amount there will be over \$100,000 of road taxes to be expended in the districts where collected.

Practically the nearly \$700,000 thus shown to be available for the general public services of the Territory might be taken, so far as the question of an extra session is concerned, as tiding the Treasury over for just one year, because a year from date the regular session of the Legislature of 1905 will have been in session about three weeks, or time enough to enact such financial legislation that may be necessary for any contingency of the rest of the biennial period.

Treasurer Kepoikai is not presenting his figures to serve an argument against cutting down salaries and payrolls, for in handing a copy of his statement to an Advertiser reporter he pointed out large items in that category which he said might and ought to be reduced.

Here is the Treasurer's statement, whose showing of \$569,342.95, exclusive of road tax, for current expenses is \$41,018.63 better than that lately made to the business men, which was \$528,324.32:

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR 1904-5, ESTIMATED
THE SAME AS THE RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

1904—		
January	\$ 98,453 95	
February	77,819 03	
March	142,264 37	
April	166,042 80	
May	215,458 10	
June	120,057 07	
Total	\$ 820,095 32	

Less:		
Chinese Fund paid in May	\$ 155,546 70	
Road Tax Special Deposit	90,430 00	
Land Sales, Special Deposit	11,173 61	
Total	\$ 257,150 31	

Total Current Cash	\$ 562,945 01	
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1904—		
July	\$ 89,260 42	
August	202,128 23	
September	68,869 87	
October	89,772 50	
November	1,185,939 85	
December	247,607 26	
Total	\$1,883,578 13	

Less:		
Treasury Notes ..	\$ 145,000 00	
Road Tax, Special Deposit	23,269 00	
Land Sales, Special Deposit	10,580 20	
Total	\$ 178,849 20	

Total Current Cash	\$1,704,728 93	
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1905:

For January, February, March, April, May, June (the same as for same months in 1904, as above)	\$ 562,945 01	
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Total available Current Cash ..	\$2,830,618 95	
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OBLIGATIONS:		
Salaries and Pay Rolls, 18 months bill ..	\$1,105,607 00	
Salaries and Pay Rolls, 6 months bill ..	1,016,019 00	

Total ..	\$2,121,626 00	
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Interest on Public Debt and Com.—		
Due 1904	\$ 80,190 00	
Due 1905	50,920 00	

Interest Treas. Notes and Registered Warrants, Estimated at	\$ 8,500 00	
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Total ..	\$ 139,650 00	
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Available balance for running expenses Treasurer's Office, March 5, 1904.	\$ 569,342 95	
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STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND PAY ROLLS UNDER THE
18 MONTHS' AND 6 MONTHS' APPROPRIATION BILLS.

18 Months' Appropriation Bills.	Salary.	Pay Roll.
Permanent Settlement	\$ 12,450 00	
Office of the Secretary	9,000 00	
Judiciary Department	11,430 00	
Attorney General's Department	25,050 00	36,130 00
Treasury Department	42,750 00	
Public Works Department	32,580 00	
Public Grounds	9,810 00	
Pilots (Public Works)	34,830 00	
Public Instruction	42,000 00	494,100 00
Department of Public Lands	23,510 00	
Bureau of Agriculture	18,900 00	
Bureau of Survey	17,250 00	
Bureau of Health	48,960 00	140,410 00
Military	16,110 00	
Band	6,030 00	21,417 00
Audit Office	18,300 00	
Totals	\$ 388,760 00	\$ 736,847 00
		388,760 00

Total of Appropriations	\$1,105,607 00	
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6 Months' Appropriation Bill—

Judiciary Department	\$ 96,690 00	\$ 2,625 00
Attorney General's Department	71,895 00	345,960 00
Treasury Department (Office)	5,400 00	
Treasury Department (Tax Bureau) ..	14,700 00	135,000 00
Treasury Dept. (Conveyance Bureau) ..	16,290 00	4,320 00
Public Works	44,760 00	128,281 50
Water Works	39,127 50	4,680 00
Fire Department		102,840 00
Audit Office	3,750 00	
Totals	\$ 292,312 50	\$ 723,706 50
		292,312 50

Total of Appropriations	\$1,016,019 00	
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Total estimated receipts for 18 months.	\$1,105,607 00	
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Total 18 mo. Appropriations, as above ..	1,016,019 00	
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Total 6 mo. Appropriations, as above ..	2,121,626 00	
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Available cash for Current Expenses	\$ 708,992 95	
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Interest due on Bonded Debt, 18 mo....	\$ 131,110 00	
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Estimated Interest on Treas. Notes and Registered Warrants	\$ 8,500 00	
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Balance available for Running Exp... Treasurer's Office, March 5, 1904.	\$ 569,342 95	
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HAWAIIAN
GOES WRONGH. Kapea's Act May
Lead Him to
Suicide.

Search is being instituted by the police for Henry Kapea, a young Hawaiian who announced to a friend through the medium of a card that he intended to shoot himself. Dead or alive the police hope to locate Kapea, but the High Sheriff is of the opinion that the threat of suicide will not be borne out by subsequent developments.

Henry Kapea, collector for the Hawaiian Trust Company, is alleged to be an embezzler by his employers, and Kapea confessed to a "wrong deed" in a penciled card which he sent to a friend the day his employers charged him with a shortage.

Yesterday the Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd., issued a warrant for Kapea's arrest. He is charged with having embezzled the sum of \$100, the act having been committed on December 15, 1903. It is alleged that Kapea collected \$100 from a Chinese tenant of the John Ena estate, for which the Trust Company is agent, and failed to turn it in. When J. R. Galt of the Trust Company, returned from the mainland last week, he ascertained that the tenant had paid the money to Kapea. Mr. Galt at once charged Kapea with the theft and the employee confessed his guilt. Kapea asked for clemency, but Mr. Galt said he intended to prosecute him as he had abused the confidence of the company.

The same day Kapea disappeared. He has been residing at the Kamehameha Alumnae club house on Fort street, and search there gives no indication that he has been in his room for several days. On Saturday he was to have met Mr. Dunn of the Metropolitan Market. The engagement was not kept, but Mr. Dunn found on Monday the following penciled card, bearing Kapea's own signature, in a drawer of his desk:

"Mr. Dunn, Aloha nui kaua.
"I have done wrong in my life and it better for me to go in the woods and shot myself, and I will do it. I am no good at all after I made some big blunder which I ought not to do. Give my aloha nui to the boy and family. Do anything with my stuff."
H. KAPEA.

Whether this note is a ruse to throw the police off the track, the High Sheriff has no means of determining as yet. He is inclined to the opinion that Kapea has left the city.

Up to a late hour last night nothing had been heard of the missing man.

"War Banquet."

Eight Japanese were arrested in a room in a Japanese hotel on Kukui street a few minutes before two o'clock this morning. They were seated at a table loaded high with liquors and Japanese delicacies at the time the arrests were made. They had been holding a "war banquet" for several hours and finally became so noisy that they had to be gathered in. Each of the men regarded the arrest as a great joke.

NOT A MINUTE should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Dealers and Druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

STATEMENT SHOWING PROBABLE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
AS PROVIDED BY APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE 18 MONTHS
FROM JAN. 1, 1904, TO JUNE 30, 1905, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 6 MONTHS' BILL.

Appropriations:		
In the 18 months' Bill for salaries	\$1,105,607 00	
In the 6 months' Bill for Salaries	1,016,019 00	
Total ..	\$2,121,626 00	

In the 18 months' Bill for Expenses ..	\$1,478,085 00	
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In the 6 months' Bill for Expenses	1,009,319 73	
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Total ..	\$2,487,404 73	
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Total Appropriations	\$4,609,030 73	
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Estimated Income:		
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(Estimated same as 1903 receipts)		
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Estimated Cash Receipts for 6 months to June 30, 1904	\$ 820,095 32	
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Less:		
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Special Deposits	\$101,603 61	
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Chinese Fund	155,546 70	
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Total Current Cash	\$ 562,945 01	
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Estimated Cash Receipts for 6 months to Dec. 31, 1904	\$1,883,578 13	
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Less:		
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Treasury Notes	\$ 145,000 00	
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Total Current Cash	\$1,704,728 93	
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Estimated Cash Receipts for 6 months to June 30, 1905 (estimated as in 1903) ..	\$ 562,945 01	
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Total excess of Appropriations over and above the Income	\$1,778,411 78	
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By paying the Salaries and Interest only from the probable Income the following will be the only available balance to meet the Current Running Expenses:		
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Total Income, 18 months, as above ..	\$2,830,618 95	
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Total Salaries as above	2,121,626 00	
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Balance for Expenses	\$ 708,992 95	
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Interests:		
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Int. on Bonded Debt & Com., due 1904 ..	\$ 80,190 00	
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Int. on Bonded Debt & Com., due 1905 ..	50,920 00	
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Estimated Int. on Treasury Notes and Registered Warrants	\$ 8,500 00	
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Total ..	\$ 139,650 00	
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Cash Bal. available for Running Exp... Treasurer's Office, March 5, 1904.	\$ 569,342 95	
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STEVEDORE
WAS DROWNED

Wehard Siemsen, a stevedore employed in coaling the steamship Sierra, met death by drowning about half past ten o'clock last night. Siemsen was but seventeen years old. His brother, Eddie Siemsen, was employed at the time on the same work. His mother lives at Ewa and his father is dead, having committed suicide at Iwilei about ten years ago.

The Sierra was moored at the Oceanic wharf. From scows lying alongside coal was being passed aboard the vessel at a rapid rate. Young Siemsen left a scow and climbed through a porthole of the steamer to get a drink of water. He secured this and then clambered back but the porthole taken was not the one through which he had entered. It had no scow underneath so the young stevedore fell into the water. Through the din of many shovels piling coal into baskets other stevedores heard a shout and Joe Silva, a coal passer, saw Siemsen's body falling. William Olepau, boss stevedore, cast a rope into the water. Siemsen rose above the surface but did not catch the rope and again went down and his body was not seen afterwards.

Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth and police officers dragged the harbor until a late hour last night but had not succeeded in finding the body.

As to Change in Weather Service.

Honolulu, March 7, 1904.

Editor Adviser: Professor Lyons feels that the statement in reference to himself, in the Advertiser of this date, in the matter of the United States taking over the local weather service does not put him in exactly the right light. The coming of Mr. Hardin is not the result of a request from the Professor that the United States take charge here, but knowing that sooner or later such a change would be made his communications with the department have been in the nature of inquiries only, the last one being over a year ago, and it was not until Chief Moore's letter to me under date of December 19, 1903, that the matter assumed any definite shape.

Very truly yours,

R. C. LYDECKER,

Territorial Meteorologist.